

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7837–S7999

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1647–1662, and S. Res. 239. **Page S7887**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2008”. (S. Rept. No. 110–87)

S. 1099, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance. **Page S7887**

Measures Passed:

Juneteenth Independence Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 231, recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day and expressing the sense of the Senate that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7845–46**

Grand Teton National Park Extension Act: Senate passed S. 277, to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7872–73**

Enzi Amendment No. 1709, to designate the Grand Teton Discovery and Visitor Center as the “Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center”. **Page S7873**

Improving Head Start Act: Senate passed H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7996**

Schumer (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1714, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7909, S7979–7995**

Senate insists on its amendment, asks for a conference, appoints conferees Kennedy; Dodd; Harkin;

Mikulski; Bingaman; Murray; Reed; Clinton; Obama; Sanders; Brown; Enzi; Gregg; Alexander; Burr; Isakson; Murkowski; Hatch; Roberts; Allard; Coburn. **Page S7998**

Measures Considered:

Clean Energy Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation’s dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7846–72, S7873–79**

Adopted:

Domenici (for Thune) Amendment No. 1609 (to Amendment No. 1502), to provide requirements for the designation of national interest electric transmission corridors. **Pages S7846, S7864–66**

By 70 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 215), Kohl Amendment No. 1519 (to Amendment No. 1502), to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal. **Pages S7846, S7861–62, S7863–64, S7869–70**

Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 213), Domenici (for Bunning/Domenici) Amendment No. 1628 (to Amendment No. 1502), to provide standards for clean coal-derived fuels. **Pages S7846, S7849–60**

By 33 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 214), Bingaman (for Tester) Amendment No. 1614 (to Amendment No. 1502), to establish a program to provide loans for projects to produce syngas from coal and other feedstocks while simultaneously reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reliance of the United States on petroleum and natural gas. **Pages S7846, S7860–61**

By 37 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 216), Cardin Amendment No. 1610 (to Amendment No. 1502), to provide for the siting, construction, expansion, and operation of liquefied natural gas terminals. **Pages S7846, S7864, S7866–69, S7870–71**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1502, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7846**

Reid (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1537 (to Amendment No. 1502), to provide for a renewable portfolio standard. **Page S7846**

Klobuchar (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1573 (to Amendment No. 1537), to provide for a renewable portfolio standard. **Page S7846**

Bingaman (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 1557 (to Amendment No. 1502), to establish a national greenhouse gas registry. **Page S7846**

Kohl (for DeMint) Amendment No. 1546 (to Amendment No. 1502), to provide that legislation that would increase the national average fuel prices for automobiles is subject to a point of order in the Senate. **Page S7846**

Corker Amendment No. 1608 (to Amendment No. 1502), to allow clean fuels to meet the renewable fuel standard. **Page S7846**

Cardin Modified Amendment No. 1520 (to Amendment No. 1502), to promote the energy independence of the United States. **Pages S7846, S7869**

Collins Amendment No. 1615 (to Amendment No. 1502), to provide for the development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research program that assists the people of the United States and the world to understand, assess, and predict human-induced and natural processes of abrupt climate change. **Page S7846**

Baucus Amendment No. 1704 (to Amendment No. 1502), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for energy advancement and investment. **Pages S7871–72**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Baucus Amendment No. 1704 (to Amendment No. 1502), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, June 21, 2007. **Page S7877**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 1502, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, June 21, 2007. **Page S7877**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, June 21, 2007. **Page S7877**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, that Senate resume consideration of Kohl (for DeMint) Amendment No. 1546 (to Amendment No. 1502) (listed above), and that there be 30 minutes of debate prior to a vote on or in relation to the amendment; the time be equally divided and controlled between Senators DeMint and Bingaman, or

their designees; and that no amendments be in order prior to a vote in relation to the amendment.

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EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT—CLOTURE:

Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 800, to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 800, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, June 21, 2007.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation as declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–17)

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—216) **Pages S7860, S7861, S7870**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7998–99.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing on the nomination of Preston M. Green, of Texas, to be Secretary of the Army, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, testified and answer questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Energy Advancement and Investment Act of 2007", with amendments.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of June Carter Perry, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Mark Green, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Wanda L. Nesbitt, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote D'Ivoire, Frederick B. Cook, of Florida, to be Ambassador to

the Central African Republic, Robert B. Nolan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Maurice S. Parker, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, and William John Garvelink, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PASSPORT BACKLOG

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine the passport backlog and the Department of State's response to the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, after receiving testimony from Maura Harty, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs.

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the federal government, focusing on a model public-private partnership accelerating research toward a cure, after receiving testimony from Griffin P. Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Mary Tyler Moore, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, New York, New York; Caroline McEnery, Fairfield, Connecticut, Caitlin Crawford, Yarmouth, Maine, Tre' Hawkins, Detroit, Michigan, and Ann, Abraham, and Curtis Strader, Lakeville, Minnesota, all on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Children's Congress; and Adam Morrison, Charlotte, North Carolina.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the nomination of John A. Rizzo, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.